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CALABRESE/NEW CHAIRMAN

The possibility of Eastern Illinois University's first doctorate program has lured Ray Calabrese as new chairman of the Department of Educational Administration.

The doctorate program, to be offered by the College of Education if approved, has to be first approved by the Board of Governors and then the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Calabrese said this proposed program is what attracted him to Eastern.

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"The training of administrators has to change," said Calabrese. "Working with the doctorate you can make these changes. There's so much potential with this."

Though it is too early to tell what the BOG and IBHE will decide, Calabrese said the doctorate program would begin in the Fall of 1990 "if it worked perfectly and without a hitch."

"We've worked real hard on this and I feel very confident about the quality of the program," said Calabrese.

Calabrese said he is also looking forward to serving the school districts in the area "and to define ways to serve them."

"I look forward to meeting with area superintendents," said Calabrese.

He said one thing his department is doing is publishing a newsletter to serve superintendents. The newsletter will focus on policy.

"We want to promote area school districts," said Calabrese.

The new chairman said that his job at Eastern has been "great."

"I've enjoyed working with the wide variety of faculty here," said Calabrese. "For example, we're developing a think tank with the faculty to work with the area schools to solve their problems."

Calabrese said the changes he wants to make in the college are happening now. With the proposed doctorate program, said Calabrese, "the changes were waiting on me when I came."

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CALABRESE/NEW CHAIRMAN

Calabrese came from Wichita State University, where he was an assistant professor in educational administration. Prior to this, he was a public school administrator in New England.